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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No: FD 55 INV 2024

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore, Date: 25.06.2024

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Sub: Prudent financial management in State PSUs, Boards, Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Medical Colleges etc.

In order to ensure accountability and prudent management of public funds, it is essential to ensure that all financial assets of the State PSUs, Boards, Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Medical Colleges, Autonomous and Semi-Autonomous Bodies and such other entities (collectively called as entities here after) which receives funds from the State Government, are accurately accounted for and properly managed.

In this connection, the following directions are issued regarding bank balances and term deposits held by entities.

1) Actions required by the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer:

- Comprehensive Review:** Conduct a thorough review of opening and closing balances of all bank accounts, including current accounts, savings accounts, term deposits and any other operational accounts on monthly basis and the pay-outs during the relevant month pertaining to the entities.

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- b) **Verification of Term Deposits:** Verify the details of all term deposits, including their principal amounts, maturity dates, interest rates and interest credited pertaining to the term deposits placed by the entities.
- c) **Third party confirmation:** Obtain on monthly basis a third-party physical confirmation, such as from internal auditors, visiting the banks and confirming the bank balance held by the entities in all types of accounts including term deposits and the comparable balance as per books of accounts maintained by the entities in the normal course of business. Ensure that such third party obtains confirmation directly from the banks and not through the entities, such internal auditors should submit a brief audit report. In case of any variation in balances confirmed by the banks as compared to balances shown in the books of accounts, there shall be thorough review to ascertain the reasons for such difference. Periodical interest credited has also been verified by the internal auditors and same should be reported at the Board Meeting.
- d) **Documentation:** Ensure that all records, statements, and confirmations from banks are documented and filed systematically for audit and review purposes.
- e) **Manner of investment:** In relation to term deposits, the following shall be ensured:
- i. The concerned entities shall mandatorily transfer the amount proposed to be invested by way of internet banking/RTGS to the specific account opened in the name of the entity in the bank.
 - ii. The investment shall be made in the bank branches located in the same city where the registered office of the entity is situated.
 - iii. Single fixed deposit receipt/term deposit receipt shall be obtained from the bank for each investment. The Managing Director/CEO and the finance head shall ensure that such investment shall not be split into multiple investment of smaller value of different dates to circumvent this requirement.
 - iv. The fixed deposit receipt/term deposit receipt shall contain all details such as the name and branch of the bank, deposit amount, rate of interest, periodicity of interest payment, maturity amount, the date of maturity and such other details as are generally disclosed on such deposit receipts.
 - v. The entities should obtain the account number of the organisation to which the maturity amount along with interest should be credited on maturity from the bank as a sperate letter and maintain the record till the date of maturity.
 - vi. In case the interest is payable monthly or quarterly, the account number of the organisation to which such interest is required to be credited should also be verified and ensure that such interest is credited on the due date.
 - vii. Review TDS on such interest and ensure that the bank remits the actual TDS to the credit of central government within the due date and such TDS amount is reflected in the Form 26AS.

- viii. Ensure that the organisation maintains a separate register for all deposits and such register shall contain details such as date of deposit, name and branch of the bank, deposit amount, rate of interest, periodicity of interest payment, maturity amount, date of maturity, account number of the organisation to which the maturity amount along with interest should be credited on maturity and such other details for each deposit. The finance head shall put his/her signature against each deposit. The register shall be kept under the safe custody of the finance head.
- ix. The register so maintained should be produced before the internal auditor every month. The internal auditor shall put his/her signature for having verified the register along with the original receipts.

- f) **Risk management:** Ensure that the organisation has a robust risk management framework in place and regularly review risk assessments and mitigation plans to protect the company and government's interests. As a risk mitigation tool, the organisations should invest all term deposits in Joint Accounts and the same concept can also be adopted in case of high value transactions in operative accounts.
- g) **Internal Reporting:** Ensure that the concerned organisation shall place an item in the agenda in every Board Meeting by way of a comparative report with the previous Board Meeting data, regard to opening and closing balances of all bank accounts, including current accounts, savings accounts, term deposits and any other operational accounts. Such report shall contain findings of the verification process and should highlight any discrepancies or issues identified during the verification process. Further it shall be the responsibility of the Audit Committee to deliberate and ensure that these instructions are followed.

2) **Role of Secretaries of Administrative Departments:**

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the concerned Administrative Department to ensure that the above-mentioned instructions are complied by all the State PSUs, Boards, Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Medical Colleges, autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies and such other entities which receives funds from the State Government.
- b. Further the Administrative Department to maintain accurate data on bank balances, number of accounts, account details and link these accounts with NTT module in Treasury.
- c. The Secretary of the concerned Administrative Department shall periodically verify the compliance to aforesaid instructions by sending inspection teams. Further in case of non-compliance with the aforesaid instructions, disciplinary action shall be initiated against concerned MD/CEO and Head of the Finance Division of the concerned organization and entity.

3) **Role of Directors nominated by the State Government:**

- a. The nominee directors shall have to ensure that the concerned organisation shall place an item in the agenda in every Board Meeting by way of a report with regard to opening and closing balances of all bank accounts, including current accounts, savings accounts, term deposits and any other operational accounts and also examine for any discrepancies in the financial reporting
- b. The nominee directors shall examine the report of the internal auditors and statutory auditors regarding the management of funds in their company/organization.
- c. The nominee directors should ensure that the Board meetings are held atleast once in a quarter and the Audit Committee is constituted and meetings are held regularly.

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Chief Secretary to Government,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub: Revising processing fee on the applications seeking Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006-reg

- Ref:**
1. EIA Notification No. S.O.1533(E) dated 14" September 2006 issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Government of India.
 2. Notification No. S.O. 2402 (E) dated 1" October 2010 issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
 3. Order No. G.O. (MSINo.281 dated 31.12.2012 of the Government of Tamilnadu.
 4. The Government Order No FEE 46 EPC 2013, dated 10.05.2013.
 5. The Addendum No. FEE 46 EPC 2013, dated 13.12.2013.
 6. The Corrigendum No. FEE 132 EPC 2020 dated 11.12.2020.
 7. The Addendum No. FEE 132 EPC 2020 dated 06.09.2021.

Preamble:

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India have issued ELA Notification, No. SO 1533(E) dated 14" September 2006. As per this Notification the activities requiring Environmental Clearance have been broadly categorized as A and B category. As a measure of decentralization, State Level

Environment Impact Assessment Authority and the State Expert Appraisal Committee have been promulgated to consider the proposals pertaining to issue of Environmental Clearance for B category activities listed in the schedule of the Notification. Accordingly, the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and State Expert Appraisal Committee for the State of Karnataka were constituted for the first time vide Notification, No. S.O. 9-15 (E) dated 11 June 2007 issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India for a period of three years and subsequently the Authority / Committee were re-constituted for three years. As per these Notifications the State Government has to provide secretarial assistance to the Authority and to provide all financial and logistic support including accommodation, transportation and such other facilities in respect of the statutory functions of the Authority.

Pursuant to this Notification the Department of Ecology and Environment of the Karnataka Government Secretariat is providing secretarial assistance and other facilities/services to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/ State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC).

The State Government is earmarking budget required to meet the expenses of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SELAA)/ State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) through the Head of Account (3435-03-101-0-03) every year through the Department of Ecology and Environment.

In order to make the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority/State Expert Appraisal Committee financially self reliant Government of Karnataka vide order No. FEE 46 EPC 2013 dated 13.12.2013 imposed processing fee on the applications seeking Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority in accordance with the EIA Notification, 2006.

Now it is decided to revise the Processing application fee, Hence the order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. FEE 127 EPC 2024,
BENGALURU, DATED: 06.07.2024

1. After careful consideration of the facts in the preamble, a processing fee at the rate indicated in the table (I) to table (VII) below is imposed for processing of applications seeking Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka.

TABLE (I)**Construction Projects based on the Built up area in Square meters:**

Sl No	Built up area in Sqm.	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Up to 50,000	1,00,000
2	More than 50,000 Sqm and upto 1,00,000 Sqm	2,00,000
3	More than 1,00,000 Sqm and upto 1,50,000 Sqm	3,00,000
4	More than 1,50,000 Sqm	4,00,000

TABLE (II)**Industry projects based on the investment:**

Sl No	Cost of the Project	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Up to Rs.25 Crores	1,00,000
2	More than Rs.25 Crores and upto Rs.50 Crores	1,50,000
3	More than Rs.50 Crores and upto Rs.100 Crores	2,00,000
4	More than Rs. 100 Crores	2,50,000

TABLE (III)**Mining of major minerals based on the lease area:**

Sl No	Mining Lease Area	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Up to 10 Hectares	20,000
2	More than 10 Hectares and up to 25 Hectares	50,000
3	More than 25 Hectares	1,00,000

TABLE (IV)
Mining of minor minerals (except granite) based on the lease area:

Sl No	Mining Lease Area	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Up to 5 Hectares	20,000
2	More than 5 Hectares and up to 25 Hectares	40,000
3	More than 25 Hectares	1,00,000

TABLE (V)
Mining/quarrying of granites of all kinds:

Sl No	Mining Lease Area	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Up to 2 Hectares	50,000
2	More than 2 Hectares and up to 5 Hectares	1,00,000
3	More than 5 Hectares.	1,50,000

TABLE (VI)
Industrial Estates and Townships & Area Development Projects:

Sl No	Mining Lease Area	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Industrial Areas covered under Sl. No. 7(c) of the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006	4,00,000
2	Townships & Area Development Projects covered under Sl. No. 8(b) of the Schedule of EIA Notification, 2006	4,00,000

TABLE (VII)
Proposal for Transfer/Amendment, extension of validity of EC:

Sl No	Projects/Activity	One time Processing Fee in Rs.
1	2	3
1	Construction Projects	50,000
2	Industry Projects	50,000
3	Minor Mineral Projects	10,000
4	Major Mineral Projects	50,000
5	Township & Area Development	50,000
6	All other Projects	50,000
7	Transfer of EC arising out of legal inheritance	5,000

2. The processing fee shall be remitted by the applicants to the Government Treasury payable to the Head of Account 0406-02-800-0-01- Environmental Forestry and Wild Life by generating challan through Khajane II of the Government of Karnataka. Copy of the challan after making due payment shall be enclosed to the application and submitted through PARIVESH.
3. The processing fee is applicable to the following proposals.
 - I. All new projects or activities listed in the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 under category 'B'.
 - II. Expansion and modernization of existing projects or activities listed in the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 under category B'.
 - III. Any change in the product mix in an existing manufacturing unit in schedule beyond the specified range.
 - IV. All closed files, if re-opened will be treated as fresh application.
4. No refund of processing fee is entertained, once the application is submitted.
5. This order comes into effect from the date of its publication in the Government gazette.
6. This order supersedes all previous orders with regards to imposing of processing fee for EC application.

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This order is issued in concurrence of the Finance Department Vide No. FD
526 Exp-5/2021 dated 10.06.2024.

By Order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka
(**B.N.PRAVEEN**)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest Ecology and Environment Department
(Ecology and Environment)

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